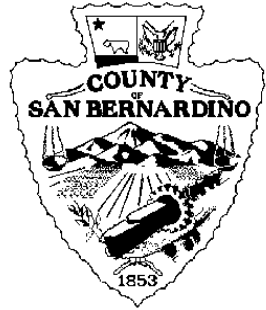


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SUPERVISOR POSTMUS TO HOST DEDICATION OF NEW WRIGHTWOOD LIBRARY

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Postmus will host the dedication of the new Wrightwood Library May 6 at 1:00 p.m. The Wrightwood Branch of the County Library is relocating from a 1,600 square-foot facility to one that is 3,410 square feet, located at 6011 Pine Street in Wrightwood. "This is a project that the community of Wrightwood has needed and deserved for years and I am extremely happy to have been able to help make it a reality," said Supervisor Postmus, who will participate in the ceremony.

The relocation project includes overhauling of the heating system of the former medical clinic building, and will also make the building more accessible to handicapped patrons. The project includes installation of computer cabling to make the facility internet-accessible, installation of a custom-built circulation desk, and new carpeting throughout. Additional improvements include the purchase of additional book shelving, furniture and electronic equipment and increasing the number of public computers to six. The library's book collection will also be expanded through new purchases. Additional seating will be added, including a young adult area as well as children's and adult lounge areas. The number of public restrooms will increase from one to two. A small meeting room will be available for public use, and a 'Friends of the Library Bookstore' will be added. The expanded facility will also add 10 parking spaces and have off-street parking.

The Wrightwood expansion is the latest in a series of First District Library improvements approved since Chairman Postmus initially took office four years ago. They include the relocation and expansion of the Adelanto Branch and the construction of the County's largest branch in Apple Valley. In 2002, Supervisor Postmus was instrumental in the establishment of the first Public Library in Phelan, located on the campus of Serrano High School. The remodeling and expansion of the Janice Horst Lucerne Valley Branch Library, the remodeling and expansion of the Twentynine Palms Branch Library and the remodeling and refurbishment of the Victorville Library all occurred during 2004. At Supervisor Postmus' request, new paving projects were also approved last year as an adjustment to the County's annual budget to improve the facilities at Barstow, Needles and Trona. Finally, a new, 20,000 square-foot Hesperia Library is in the planning stages as a City of Hesperia project, with the help of \$200,000 in funding assistance pledged by Supervisor Postmus.